IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant    :    Neil Westervelt
Appl. No.    :
Filed        :    October 10, 2003
Title        :    PREMATURE ACTIVATION STOP FOR TOWED VEHICLE CABLE
                  BRAKING SYSTEM

Grp./A.U.    :
Examiner     :

Docket No.:      14441

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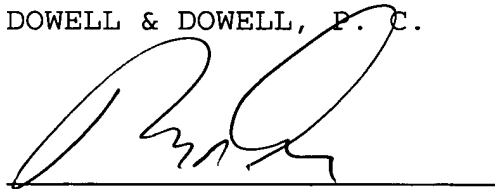Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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